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Application No. Applicant(s) 10/817.622 GARLICH ET AL. Interview Summary Examiner Art Unit 1618 D. L. Jones All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) D. L. Jones. (2) Xavier Pillai. Date of Interview: 16 November 2007. Type: a) ✓ Telephonic b) ✓ Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) □ applicant 2) applicant's representative] Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If Yes, brief description: Claim(s) discussed: 12, 35, 36, 83, 85, and 96-99. Identification of prior art discussed: n/a. Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) \square N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet. (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant called for clarification of the 112 rejections. It was explained that the claims contain phrases/terms which are specified in the office action mailed 10/26/07 which are unclear. For example, in claim 12, the term 'chemical' is any substance that is produced by or used in a chemical process. As a result, the term would encompass, water, methanol, etc. (all possible chemicals known to man). However, a chemical such as water or methanol, for example, not result in cell death when in the presence of a cell. Hence, as explained, the Examiner is requesting clarification as to what chemicals (or group of chemicals) Applicant is referring to which are compatible with the instant invention. Applicant will consider possibly amending the claims consistent with that of the specification to clarify the claims. Similar comments (and logic) are applicable to claims 35, 36, 83, 85, and 96-99 for the terms/phrases found to be indefinite in the office action mailed 10/26/07.

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